

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 626

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A RESOLUTION to recognize and honor Maple Crest Stock Farm in Brentwood as a Tennessee Century Farm.

WHEREAS, in 1975, the State of Tennessee, through the Department of Agriculture, created the Tennessee Century Farms Program. The program's specific purpose is recognizing and documenting the contributions of families who have owned and farmed the same land for at least 100 years; and

WHEREAS, in 1985, the Center for Historic Preservation at Middle Tennessee State University assumed the responsibility of the program and now documents at least one Century Farm in all of Tennessee's ninety-five counties; and

WHEREAS, over the course of the program's thirty-year existence, 1,507 farms have been certified by the Tennessee Century Farms Program; of those, 157 are documented to be 200 years old, 634 are 150 years old, and 716 are over 100 years old; and

WHEREAS, one family farm designated as a Tennessee Century Farm is the Maple Crest Stock Farm, which is located at 1312 Parker Place in Brentwood; and

WHEREAS, this historic farm dates to 1870 and was founded by William Harris Ogilvie, who was a student at Cumberland University, fought for the Confederacy during the Civil War, and ultimately garnered a reputation as "a fine schoolteacher." His original tract of land was for 125 acres, but he managed to increase it, with help from his wife, Annie Lou, and their three children, to more than 500 acres; and

WHEREAS, today, the Maple Crest Stock Farm is under the direction of Jackie Ogilvie. It produces grains, burley tobacco, horses, cattle, sheep, and swine, but it is best known as a leading breeding farm for Tennessee Walking Horses; and

WHEREAS, this legislative body is pleased to recognize the excellent work of the Tennessee Century Farms Program, and we congratulate the owners of Maple Crest Stock Farm; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we congratulate Jackie Ogilvie upon the designation of Maple Crest Stock Farm as a Tennessee Century Farm and extend our best wishes to him for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.